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clay from Presbytery of Marion, and Rev. Neil McInnis from the Presbytery of Concord. Arrangements were made to install Mr. Barclay as pastor of Pittsburg and Mr. Vernon Springs church, and Mr. McInnis as pastor of Smithfield church.

Treasurer's report showed a total disbursement of \$11,067.83 for Home Missions, with a working balance in the treasury.

Churches Organized: Layton Rock, in Rev. G. E. Kirkpatrick's field, with nine members, and Lakeview, in Fayetteville, Rev. L. Cook Campbell, called as pastor, with a membership of forty.

Division of Presbytery: The following resolution was adopted: "That a committee consisting of one minister and one elder from each of the nine synods organized in the Presbytery be appointed to consider and recommend to the Presbytery suitable and convenient times for the division of the Presbytery into two Presbyteries, and to report at the next stated meeting." Following is the committee: Rev. W. S. Golden, chairman; Mr. J. H. Kennedy, Spaulding; Rev. E. C. Murray, Mr. G. H. West, Richmond; Rev. V. R. Gaston, Mr. D. A. McLaughlin, Vassar; Rev. C. R. Edley, Mr. A. L. James, Laramie; Rev. W. C. Brown, Mr. Murdoch McLeod, Timberland; Rev. A. R. McQueen, Mr. Felix McKay, Baker; Rev. C. L. Wicker, Mr. A. C. Ray, Pittsburg; Rev. A. T. Luster, Mr. J. E. Edgerton, Keady; Rev. J. M. Murray, Mr. J. C. Williams, Godwin.

Trustees: The following were reappointed as trustees of Flora Macdonald College for a term of three years: Rev. J. K. Hall, J. L. McPhan, Maryland; A. T. McCallum, A. W. McLean, Dr. J. A. McDonald, Toronto, Can.

The following were appointed trustees of Donaldson Academy to succeed three deceased members: J. H. Culbreth, Charles Rankin and D. G. McKeithan.

Presbyterial Sermon: Rev. E. C. Murray was appointed to preach the Presbyterial sermon at next meeting on "The Unity of Jesus."

Foreign Missions: A popular meeting was held Wednesday night, with a splendid address by Dr. A. A. McFadden, one of our medical missionaries, on "Lights and Shadows on Medical Mission Work in China."

Elise High School was brought prominently before the Presbytery by Rev. W. L. Wilson, Mr. N. J. Carter and Professor W. C. McCall, and Presbytery again urges all churches to pay their full appropriation for schools and colleges, and send all money for this purpose, for the next two years, directly to Rev. W. L. Wilson, Treasurer, Pump, N. C.

Synod's Home Missions was ably represented by Rev. A. W. Crawford, the superintendent, who is a member of this Presbytery. He reported fine progress in this great work.

General Assembly's Home Missions: The chairman of the committee in charge of this great cause called the attention of the Presbytery to the great disparity between the amounts appropriated to this cause and the gifts of the churches—the appropriation being \$19,294 and the contributions only \$9,944.

Narrative: The narrative on the state of religion within our bounds presents some encouraging features, and some discouraging, but on the whole there

seems to be real progress along spiritual lines.

Sabbath Schools: This report shows 299 pupils added to the communion during the year and a total contribution of \$19,250.

Home Missions: The following recommendations of the committee were adopted:

1. That Broadview church continue to be supplied for twelve months by Rev. C. M. Gibbs at a salary of \$160.

2. That \$100 be appropriated for one year for manse and for Rev. C. M. Gibbs' field, for the benefit of Flat Branch church.

3. That North Lee church be supplied for another year by Rev. W. S. Golden on terms agreeable to him and the church.

4. That Reamer church be supplied by Rev. F. C. Murray for one year on terms agreeable to both parties.

5. That Selma church be placed with Rev. C. E. Clarke's group to be supplied by him for one year on a salary of \$250.

6. That Palestine be continued under the care of Fayetteville First church, to be supplied for one year by Rev. L. Cook Campbell, on terms agreeable to both.

7. That Naomi church be continued under the care of the Wagon church, to be supplied by its pastor on terms mutually agreeable.

8. That \$1,100 be appropriated to the Chatham County group, to be supplied by Rev. Jonas Barclay.

9. That Grove church be supplied for one year by Rev. A. R. McQueen, on terms agreeable to him and the church.

10. That \$70 be added to Rev. C. L. Wicker's salary in the Gulf field, from Home Mission fund.

11. That \$60 in arrears for manse sent for Flat Creek church be paid from Home Mission fund.

12. That a loan from the Gilbert Memorial Fund of \$100 to Layton Rock church be endorsed by Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in the First church, Fayetteville, Tuesday, June 7th, noon, at 12:15 P. M.

F. L. Sher, S. C.

MECKLENBURG.

Presbytery met in Ramoth church, April 19, 1921.

Opening Sermon: By retiring Moderator, Rev. J. W. Moore, of our Japan Mission.

Officers: Rev. H. M. Pressly, Moderator; Rev. T. G. Tate, Temporary Clerk.

Dismissed: Rev. G. W. Bell to Asheville; Rev. G. F. Robertson and Rev. D. R. McLaughlin to Holston Presbytery; Candidates W. J. Dunnevent to care of Bethel, and W. L. Baker to care of Concord.

Calls: To Rev. E. E. Green from Albemarle, and to Candidate R. C. Cloutz from Bethel and Cornelius; to Rev. D. C. Young from Wilmore, and to Rev. W. C. Underwood from Indian Trail and Siler. Commissions were appointed to install the latter two at an early date.

Resignation of Superintendent of Home Missions: Rev. Leonard Gill, was accepted.

Ordination Reported: Of Licentiate C. W. Davis by a commission, also his installation at Oakboro.

Pastoral Relation Dissolved: Between Rev. D. B. McLaughlin and Philadelphia church.

Churches Organized: Commissions appointed to organize a church at Norman, Richmond County, and another near Monroe, in Union.

Presbyterial Sermon: By Rev. H. E. Gurney, D. D., on the Second Coming of Christ.

Overtures: (1) On votary church officers; (2) on an additional column for pastors' salaries in statistical report; (3) on the insertion of the imorial rescript in the constitution of the girls' school at Nagoya, Japan.

Next Stated Meeting: At Sharon church, time to be arranged at adjourned meeting.

Adjourned Meeting: May 31, 1921, at 2 P. M., at First church, Charlotte, N. C.

Increase in Pastors' Salaries: Knox and Tenth Avenue churches to \$3,000 and manse each.

John E. Wool, S. C.

KNOXVILLE.

Knoxville Presbytery met at Etowah, Tenn., April 12th-14th.

Rev. John Harris was elected Moderator and Rev. J. B. Reilly Temporary Clerk.

The reports from the churches were far better than ever before in the history of the Presbytery.

More than 400 have been added on confession during the year. A conference on laymen's work was held Wednesday afternoon, under the leadership of Captain Snyman. It was decided to postpone organization of a Laymen's Association within the Presbytery until the fall meeting.

On Thursday morning Presbytery went in special car thirty miles into the mountains to Farmer, Tenn. Two and one-half hours were spent there in the inspection of the new buildings and grounds of the Laymen's Memorial High School, entering a delicious picnic lunch which had been provided by the ladies of the Farmer and Etowah churches, and finishing the business of Presbytery. The order of the day was the report of the Mountain Mission Committee, under the leadership of the chairman, Dr. S. M. Glasgow. Addresses were given by members of the committee and several of our mountain workers. Several organizations represented

on the floor of Presbytery volunteered to contribute \$100 each toward the equipment of the rooms of the dormitories. That amount will equip a room for two and will be named for the donor. The building will be completed ready for occupancy by the time of the opening of the fall session.

C. L. Nisbet, S. C.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES

REASONABLE SERVICE.

M. July 1. Full service. Deut. 1:22-26.
T. July 5. Grateful service. 2 Cor. 5:11-17.
W. July 6. Soul-winning service. John 1:40-51.
Th. July 7. Undivided service. Matt. 4:19.
F. July 8. Immediate service. Acts 9:10-20.
S. July 9. Willing service. 1 Tim. 6:17-21.
Su. July 10. Topic: What Is Our "Reasonable Service"? Rom. 12:1-8.

Why is it reasonable to serve God?
How may our society serve God?
How may we serve God in our daily tasks?

Full Service, Deut. 1:22-26: God had led Israel out of Egypt, through the Red Sea, and for two years He had guided them through the wilderness, until He had brought them to the border of the land of Canaan.

long promised to them as the home He had prepared for them. As they were encamped on the border of the land, God told them to go forward and take possession of it. He promised that they should have all of it upon which their feet should tread.

But they became faint-hearted. They asked that men be sent to spy out the land and report to them. When the spies returned they listened to the majority. The majority is not always right. They left God out of account entirely. Had they submitted to His continued guidance, and done the work He had given them to do, there would not have been the thirty-eight years of wandering in the wilderness, in which the whole generation died.

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